MR. C. V. CHANDARASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Yes, Sir.

The Karipoor Trace.

43. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): With reference to question No. 42 at the Eighth Session of the Assembly, answered on the 29th July 1936, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) why $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles road alone out of $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles distance been completed and the remaining 2 miles are left incomplete;

(*b*) whether the investigation for the completion of the remaining 2 miles that was said to be in progress was completed;

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, what is the amount of expenditure to execute the work; and

(*d*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the negative, why delay is caused in completing the investigation?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): (*a*) This portion demanded preference as the people sought accommodation on both sides of it.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) About Rs. 5,400.

(*d*) This does not arise.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): With reference to answer to part (*b*) may I know when the investigation was completed?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I claim notice.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Government why the work was not expedited after the investigation was over?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Due to shortage of funds.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Government whether they intend executing the work at any time?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): That is a question of future action.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the construction of the bridge on that road has been completed?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): No.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Sir, before my question was completed the Government member said "No"

PRESIDENT: The honourable member may repeat the question more slowly and wait for the answer.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the bridge that existed in the portion of one and a half miles that was completed has been removed from there?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): The bridge was of cocoanut post erected for the convenience of the coolies engaged in constructing the road. That bridge has decayed and fallen down. An estimate has now been sanctioned for the construction of a permanent bridge there.

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